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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 19-55 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 19-55 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to an Amendment filed 06/22/2005, based on an original application with a priority date of **05/08/2001**.
2. Objections to the Specification have been withdrawn as necessitated by amendment.
3. Objections to the drawings have been withdrawn as necessitated by amendment.
4. Claims 1-17-19-55 remain pending in this amendment. Claims 43-55 are new claims. Claims 1, 36, 38, 41-42, and 53 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1, 9-10, 14-17, 22, 24-25, 29, and 35-45, and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raghunandan (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,689, filed 06/07/2000) in view of Wang et al. (hereinafter Wang, U.S. Patent No. 6,822,663, filed 01/24/2001).

In regard to independent Claim 1 (and similarly independent Claims 36, 38, 41-42, and 53), Raghunandan teaches, by way of Example II (Col. 8, lines 61-67; Col. 9, lines 1-67; Col. 10, lines 1-61) a scenario whereby received emails (typically serial in nature), consisting of a number of segments, (*receiving an electronic document*

represented by serial data) are reordered while being transmitting to a plurality of recipients depending on the recipient profiles; the recipients then viewing the version of the report in an order that most pertains to sections of the report they are to review (*that contains content of the document and defines an order in which respective portions of the content are to be presented on a display for viewing*).

The Example of Raghunandan continues to teach a technical report that needs to be sent to three groups of technical reviewers. There are three separate technologies contained in the report each of which is to be reviewed by a separate review team (*analyzing the serial data of the electronic document*).

Raghunandan changes the ordering of the report so that when each team recipient receives the email, the structure of the report is ordered so that their section appears first (after title, author, etc. segments) (*the reorganization information enabling performance in an order different from the order defined by the serial data*).

Raghunandan fails to teach that *the different order of presentation being adapted based upon a performance capability of a display of a target device*.

However, Wang teaches transforming existing web pages (or other information) for display (playback or the like) on associated web enabled Internet appliances (e.g., PDA, web-enabled phone). For display materials, a graphical editing tool is provided that allows a web designer to pull up source content pages wherein the information components are identified and assigned an identifier. The identified components are graphically arranged into a result area according to the capabilities of the receiving web enabled appliance (*generating reorganization information*). A set of transformation rules

is generated according to the graphically arranged result. These rules are then used by a server device to transform the requested source information as the web-enabled appliance requests it (see Abstract, Figs. 18a-d, 19a-b). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Raghunandan and Wang as both inventions relate to the modification of documents based on a viewing device's capabilities. Adding the teaching of Wang offers the benefit of rearranging the ordering of the content to best fit the display or the pervasive device.

In regard to dependent Claim 9, Raghunandan teaches that *the content of the document includes at least one of the following: text, images, tables, frames, and headings* (see Example II). Example II teaches content including text type.

In regard to dependent Claim 10, Raghunandan fails to explicitly teach *the order in which the respective portions of the content are to be presented includes a two-dimensional layout*. However, Raghunandan does teach a CPU and associated memory, and I/O devices (Fig. 4). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to assume that to effectively interact with a CPU (computer), one would have needed to display the email, providing the benefit of enabling the user to view their reordered email.

In regard to dependent Claim 14 (and similarly dependent Claim 43), Claim 14 (and similarly Claim 43) reflect the method of Claim 1 (and similarly Claims 36, 38, 41-42, and 53) and is rejected along the same rationale.

In regard to dependent Claims 15 (and similarly dependent Claim 44) and 16, Raghunandan does not teach that *the reorganization information includes a*

hyperlink to be displayed near the beginning of the document, the hyperlink pointing to a portion of the content that appears later in the original order or the hyperlink is included only if the location of the hyperlink in the document is separated by at least a predetermined distance from the location to which it points. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of web page construction at the time of invention because this is one of many techniques used to assist the user with web page navigation (also known as a targeted link). The benefit of such a link would have been to take one to a specific location within a hypertext document (e.g., to find a section of the document that is off the screen).

In regard to dependent Claim 17 (and similarly dependent Claim 45), Raghunandan does not teach the *reorganization information causes an automatic redirection from the first portion of the content to a later portion of the content when the document is opened for presentation.* However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of web design at the time of invention to have used a HTML META command of the type `<meta http-equiv="refresh" content="0; URL=http://<a relative link would go here">`. The benefit would have been to redirect the user from one location on the web page to a different location on the same or a different web page, making it easier to find the correct information.

In regard to dependent Claim 22, Raghunandan teaches *analyzing includes identifying one of the portions as containing central content of the document* in that the email system parses the message to identify each segment as well as the list of recipients for each segment, as shown in block (1.2) (Col. 6, lines 41-44).

In regard to dependent Claims 24 and 25, Raghunandan changes the ordering of the report so that when each team recipient receives the email, the structure of the report is ordered so that their section appears first (after title, author, etc. segments) (Col. 9, lines 32-59; compare with Claim 24, “... *moving the central content portion to near the beginning of the document*” and Claim 25, “... *altering the document so that the central content portion appears first when the document is presented*”).

In regard to dependent Claim 29, Raghunandan teaches that *analyzing includes identifying portions of the document that should be moved relative to other portions in generating the reorganization information* in that it changes the ordering of the report so that when each team recipient receives the email, the structure of the report is ordered so that their section appears first (after title, author, etc. segments) (Col. 9, lines 32-59).

In regard to dependent Claim 35, Raghunandan does not specifically teach *the analyzing includes counting characters of text*. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to count characters of text providing the benefit of having determined the character lengths of portions of text in the document in order to compute what text will fit on a given display.

In regard to dependent Claim 37, Raghunandan teaches *receiving other requests for portions of the content of the document different portions, and in response to the requests, returning other portions of the content using the reorganization information* in that it restructures email messages for transmission to a plurality of recipients by providing transmission control directives and email content segment

identifiers supplied by the user, parsing the said directives and email contents, expanding aliases wherever necessary and applying the said directives to restructure the email contents by sending selected segments to selected recipients in identified lists (see Abstract). Hence, if different users have different directives and identifiers as taught above, then the resulting emails will be different.

In regard to dependent Claims 39 and 40, Raghunandan teaches that the *data structure also includes the content, the data being expressed as a modified version of an original data structure that expressed the document and that the modified version of the data structure includes annotations* in that in replying to emails that are sent by recipients, the invention can add comments (annotations) from other recipients (Col. 14, lines 30-67).

7. Claims 2-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raghunandan in view of Wang, and in further view of Moriya (U.S. Patent No. 6,161,140, filed 09/30/1997).

In regard to dependent Claims 2 and 3, Raghunandan fails to explicitly teach that *the serial data representing the electronic document is expressed in a markup language* or that *the markup language comprises a hypertext markup language*. However, Moriya teaches that the data storage section (231) stores various documents for supplying to the data terminal (1). Such documents may include HTML documents, e-mail messages and other documents with respect to characters, graphics or sounds (Col. 3, lines 58-62). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Raghunandan and Moriya as both inventions relate to selective transfer of data. Adding the teaching of Moriya specifically defines the markup language providing the benefit of a commonly used and tagged language making it easier to identify various parts of the document.

In regard to dependent Claim 4, Raghunandan teaches that the serial data is in an email format (see Abstract).

In regard to dependent Claim 5, Raghunandan teaches *the electronic mail format includes a header and a main body* (Col. 10, lines 15-61).

In regard to dependent Claim 6, Raghunandan teaches that *the analyzing includes determining the start of the main body* in that the email system parses the said message to identify each segment as well as the list of recipients for each segment, as

shown in block (1.2) (Col. 6, lines 41-44). In doing so, Raghunandan would have identified the main body of the email.

In regard to dependent Claim 7, Raghunandan fails to explicitly teach that *the* *hypertext markup language comprises HTML*. However, Moriya teaches that the data storage section (231) stores various documents for supplying to the data terminal (1). Such documents may include HTML documents, e-mail messages and other documents with respect to characters, graphics or sounds (Col. 3, lines 58-62). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Raghunandan and Moriya as both inventions relate to selective transfer of data. Adding the teaching of Moriya provides the benefit of various document types.

In regard to dependent Claim 8, Raghunandan fails to explicitly teach that *the* *markup language comprises PDF, postscript, SGML, PowerPoint, rich text, or unformatted text*. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to consider that the email, as taught by Raghunandan, has been historically well known to be written in the form of ASCII, unformatted text. The benefit would have been to make the email readable by most conventional, and many unconventional devices.

8. Claims 11-13, 19-21, 23, 30-34, 46-52, and 54-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raghunandan in view of Wang, and in further view of Ma et al. (hereinafter Ma, "A Framework for Adaptive Content Delivery in Heterogeneous Network Environments", Copyright 01/2000).

In regard to dependent Claim 11, Raghunandan fails to explicitly teach that *the reorganization information includes an identification of a relative importance of the respective portions of the content*. However, Ma teaches data prioritization in order to distinguish the more important part of the data from the less important part so that different quality of service levels can be provided when delivering the data through the network. For example, we can allow less important data to be dropped under network bandwidth constraints. Or, we can provide progressive delivery to send out the more important data first (such as low-resolution images) and then deliver the less important data to enhance the information later (such as the reconstruction of high-resolution images). In this way, we can improve the user's browsing experience by efficiently utilizing available network bandwidth. Data prioritization can be achieved within a single media type by using special encoding schemes such as layered coding [9][13] and multi-resolution compression for images [20]. It can also be done across multiple media types by, for example, giving audio higher priority than video and text higher priority than other types of media (Sec. 4.4, 1st paragraph; compare with Claim 11, "... *the reorganization information includes an identification of a relative importance of the respective portions of the content*"). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill

in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Raghunandan and Ma as both inventions relate to selective transfer of data. Adding the teaching of Ma provides the benefit of prioritizing content for selective transfer of information.

In regard to dependent Claim 12, Raghunandan teaches that the email system parses the message to identify each segment as well as the list of recipients for each segment, as shown in block (1.2) based on profiles of the recipients (Col. 6, lines 41-44; compare with Claim 12, “... *the reorganization information includes an identification of a main block of text*”).

In regard to dependent Claim 13, Raghunandan teaches that the email system parses the said message to identify each segment as well as the list of recipients for each segment, as shown in block (1.2) (Col. 6, lines 41-44; compare with Claim 13, “... *the analyzing includes finding an annotation inserted in the electronic document as a marker of the location of the main block of text*”).

Raghunandan does not explicitly teach an *annotation marker*. However it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of electronic mail processing to assume that the email had the standard structure and thus had markers identifying such header information as To:, Cc:, Bcc, etc., and would have therefore been able to, at the very least, offset from those markers to identify the main block of text. The benefit would have been to locate that part of the email that was most likely to need reordering.

In regard to dependent Claims 19 (and similarly dependent Claims 46, 49, 51, and 54) and 20 (and similarly dependent Claims 47, 50, 52, and 55), Raghunandan fails to teach that *the different order of presentation enabled by the*

reorganization information is adapted for a display that has a more restricted performance capability than does the performance capability of the display for which the document was originally desired or the more restricted display is part of a mobile phone or personal digital assistant, and the display for which the document was originally designed comprises a desktop computer monitor. However, Ma teaches that one of the purposes of adapting the content involves the displays of other devices such as PDA's, cell phones, and other Internet appliances that are different from the traditional desktop computer (p. 1, Sec. 1). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Raghunandan and Ma as both inventions relate to selective transfer of data. Adding the teaching of Ma provides the benefit of fitting selective information onto a variety of limited devices.

In regard to dependent Claim 21 (and similarly dependent Claim 48), Raghunandan fails to teach that *presentation of the portions of the content comprises presenting the portions by speech synthesis.* However, Ma teaches Modality Transform that includes speech-to-text and text-to-speech transform (p. 3, Sec. 3.2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Raghunandan and Ma as both inventions relate to selective transfer of data. Adding the teaching of Ma provides the benefit of converting a document to assist the vision-impaired.

In regard to dependent Claim 23, Raghunandan fails to teach that the *generating includes inserting a link from near the beginning of the first portion of the content to the beginning of the central content portion.* However, Ma teaches Data

Prioritization which has the goal of distinguishing the more important parts of the data from the less important parts (p. 3, Sec. 3.4). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Raghunandan and Ma as both inventions relate to selective transfer of data. Adding the teaching of Ma provides the benefit of prioritizing data so that the most relevant information is sent.

In regard to dependent Claim 30, Raghunandan fails to explicitly teach that *the portions that should be moved comprise images or tables*. However, Ma teaches that under Data Prioritization, one could give text higher priority than images, images before audio, and audio before video in considering a delivery pipeline (p. 5, top paragraph). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Raghunandan and Ma as both inventions relate to selective transfer of data. Adding the teaching of Ma provides the benefit of modifying content to prioritize it based on conditions.

In regard to dependent Claims 31 and 32, Raghunandan fails to explicitly teach that *analyzing includes identifying regions according to functions* or that *the functions include navigation and content*. However, Ma teaches Purpose Classification which identifies images, logos, or advertisements. Purpose classification of a media object can be done using content analysis techniques. It can also be achieved to some extent by matching URL strings with a pre-established database or via heuristics for associating means with certain text contained in the URLs (pp. 3-4, Sec. 3.5). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine

the teachings of Raghunandan and Ma as both inventions relate to selective transfer of data. Adding the teaching of Ma provides the benefit of identifying various content components.

In regard to dependent Claim 33, Raghunandan fails to explicitly teach that *the analyzing includes converting the document to a tree format*. However, Ma teaches that the Document Object is useful data structure to represent the logical structure and contents of a Web page after it is parsed in content adaptation systems. This defines the logical structure and contents of the Web page that is to be adapted. The XML Document Object Model (DOM) [16] technology can be used to represent the hierarchical structure of a Web page, with node elements representing entities such as text, images, audio, and video. By using a Document Object Model to represent Web page structure, we can to perform a number of document-level adaptations to the Web page. This complements the component level adaptations that we implement, such as image scaling and video modality transform. By analyzing the contents of the Web page as a whole, we can optimize the adaptation process by identifying redundant information that can be removed from the Web page without overly compromising the informational integrity of the Web page. This page-level adaptation can be considered to be a "re-authoring" of the content [4] (Sec. 5, right column, paragraphs 1 and 2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Raghunandan and Ma as both inventions relate to selective transfer of data. Adding the teaching of Ma provides the benefit of a tree view, making it easier to identify different types of content.

In regard to dependent Claim 34, Raghunandan fails to explicitly teach that *the analyzing includes blocking major regions of the document*. However, Ma teaches blocking advertisement images by matching URL strings with a list of keywords like “ad”, “banner”, “advertisement”, “promotion”, or a list of known advertising web hosts (p. 4, top paragraph). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Raghunandan and Ma as both inventions relate to selective transfer of data. Adding the teaching of Ma provides the benefit of removing content based on specifications.

9. Claims 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raghunandan in view of Kanevsky (U.S. Patent No. 6,300,947, filed 07/06/1998).

In regard to dependent Claims 26-28, Raghunandan fails to explicitly teach that *analyzing includes identifying portions of the document that should not be separated in generating the reorganization information or that the portions that should not be separated include at least one of the following pairs: heading and text, image and caption, or that paragraph and related paragraph or analyzing includes identifying portions of the document that should not be moved relative to other portions of the document*. However, Kanevsky teaches that another criteria for making priority decisions in order to determine what and how to display web objects is the dependencies associated with these objects. For instance, assume that an object O1 is dependent on an object O2, if one of the following conditions are fulfilled: (1) every item (or most of the items) in O2 can be accessed from O1, meaning that if object O1 is

activated (e.g., by clicking a mouse on O1) then, among other things, objects that are accessible from O2 are displayed; (2) items that are accessed from O1 contain most of the information that is described in items that are accessed from O2; and (3) items that are accessed from O1 refer in some way to information that is contained in items that are accessed from O2, for example, items in O1 are titles or abstracts of articles in O2. Other criteria of dependencies, for example, indicated in cookies, can be chosen by users (Col. 11, lines 64-67; Col. 12, lines 1-12). In addition, Kanevsky teaches that in the block 901, objects that contain or point to information with the same or similar topics are combined into one set. An icon or button is created on an adapted web page that is linked to the combined data. A new name is chosen to characterize the combined data. This name is written (or expressed graphically via some symbol) on an icon or a button. For example, in Fig. 13, a typical part of a Yahoo entry panel to news is shown (block 1501). In block 1501, a first word on each line defines a topic of subsequent links (underlined words). For example, the word BUSINESS in the first line defines the content of links Headlines, Summaries, etc.; the word TECHNOLOGY in the second line defines the content of subsequent links in this line, and so on (Col. 14, lines 15-28). Kanevsky also teaches that the semantic interpreter module 905 separates objects on web pages that refer to different topics and combines (unifies) objects that refer to the same or similar subjects. These semantic operations are based either on instructions of web designers or may be performed automatically. The overall module 905 provides semantic interpretations of web objects that are needed for block 901. Semantic interpretations in block 901, for example, may define what objects are semantically

close (i.e., have similar topics), what part of a link definition is relevant to a topic, etc (Col. 14, lines 58-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine the teachings of Raghunandan and Kanevsky as both inventions relate to adapting content based on conditions. Adding the teaching of Kanevsky provides the benefit of fitting the content of a web page into a variety of display types and sizes.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment, filed 07/01/2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 14, 22, 24, 25, 29, and 36-42 under Raghunandan have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Wang et al. Wang teaches the deficiencies in the amended claims when combined with Raghunandan, and in combinations involving the prior arts of Moriya, Ma, and Kanevsky.

Conclusion

11. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

12. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James H. Blackwell whose telephone number is 571-272-4089. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R. Herndon can be reached on 571-272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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